

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the last paragraph at page 8 and continuing to page 9, line 2 of the specification as follows:

-- Fig. 7 graphically illustrates bactericidal assays of anti-group A assays carbohydrate titers as measured in the ELISA assay. 17 individual human sera were tested in both assays using the serotype 6 organisms. Note that all sera (13/13) exhibiting a carbohydrate (CHO) titer greater than 200,000 exhibit greater than 80% killing in the bacterial bactericidal assay. In contrast, only one out of 4 sera with titers less than 200,000 promoted opsonophagocytosis of the organisms and the degree of phagocytosis was much less than that observed with sera of higher titer. --